



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT TO
THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST FOR
THE DEL AMO NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$813,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust for development of a park in unincorporated West Carson.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed actions not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act because under the State Guidelines the actions do not meet the definition of a project.
2. Allocate County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District, in an amount not to exceed \$813,000, to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust for the Del Amo Neighborhood Park Project.
3. Authorize the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Acting Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide

for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate County Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), in an amount not to exceed \$813,000, to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT) for the Del Amo Neighborhood Park Project (Project).

The proposed Project involves the development of a park in unincorporated West Carson, including site preparation and purchase and installation of utilities, finishes, and fixtures. The total project cost is estimated at \$7,680,125. The recommended County Excess Funds will be supplemented with a \$4,000,000 contribution from the Shell Oil Company, \$1,687,638 in Quimby Funds, and \$1,179,487 in LANLT matching funds.

It is recommended that the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Acting Director), in his capacity as Acting Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award a grant when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee's agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project, if applicable. It is also recommended that the Acting Director be authorized to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by providing healthy activities in the Second Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in an amount not to exceed \$813,000 is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. LANLT meets this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The Project will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Acting Director will be authorized to award grant when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the

Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide for governing the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will also appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The County of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the Project.

The proposed actions are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities for government grants, which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

The appropriate environmental document for the Del Amo Neighborhood Park will be brought to the Board for consideration prior to requesting authorization to construct the Project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Acting Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD, but are required for the enhancement of safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the Second Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

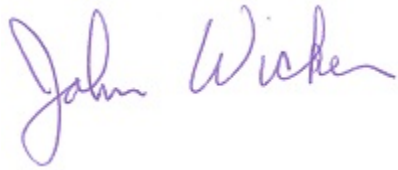
Please instruct the Acting Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Directors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "John Wicker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JOHN WICKER

Acting Director

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County Counsel
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors